

a memory for storing image data of a plurality of
5 frames;
a state decision controller for determining, for
each frame, a state of a frame of said image data stored
in said memory [for each frame];
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10 an operation panel for selecting any of said
plurality of modes of operation; and
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15 a selection prohibiting controller for comparing the
state of at least two frames, as determined by the state
decision controller, and for automatically prohibiting
selecting an inoperable mode of operation of said
plurality of modes of operation through said operation
panel based on the result of said comparison.

D2 Sub E2> 6. (Twice Amended) An image processing device in
accordance with claim 4, wherein said state decision
controller determines a frame size of said frame of said
image data.

Sub E2> 13. (Thrice Amended) An image forming apparatus
operable in a plurality of print modes, comprising:
a memory for storing image data of a plurality of
frames;
5 a printer for reading said image data stored in said
memory for each frame and for printing;
D3 a state decision controller for determining, for
each frame, a state of a frame of said image data stored
in said memory;
10 an operation panel for selecting any of said
plurality of print modes; and

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- 15 a selection prohibiting controller for comparing the state of at least two frames, as determined by the state decision controller, and for automatically prohibiting [selecting] selection of an inoperable print mode of said plurality of print modes through said operation panel based on the result of said comparison.
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S.3 E3

23. (Thrice Amended) An image forming apparatus operable in a plurality of print modes, comprising:
- a memory for storing a plurality of print jobs, each print job containing image data of at least two frames;

- 5 a print-job selector for selecting one of said plurality of print jobs stored in said memory;
- a state decision controller for determining, for each frame, a state of a frame of said image data contained in said print job selected by said print-job selector;

- 10 a printer for printing said image data contained in said print job selected by said print-job selector;

- an operation panel for selecting any of said plurality of print modes; and

- 15 a selection prohibiting controller for comparing the state of at least two frames, as determined by the state decision controller, and for automatically prohibiting selecting an inoperable print mode of said plurality of print modes through said operation panel based on the

- 20 result of said comparison.
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S.3 E4

28. (Twice Amended) An image processing device operable in a plurality of modes of operation, comprising:

- 5 a memory for storing image data of a plurality of frames;